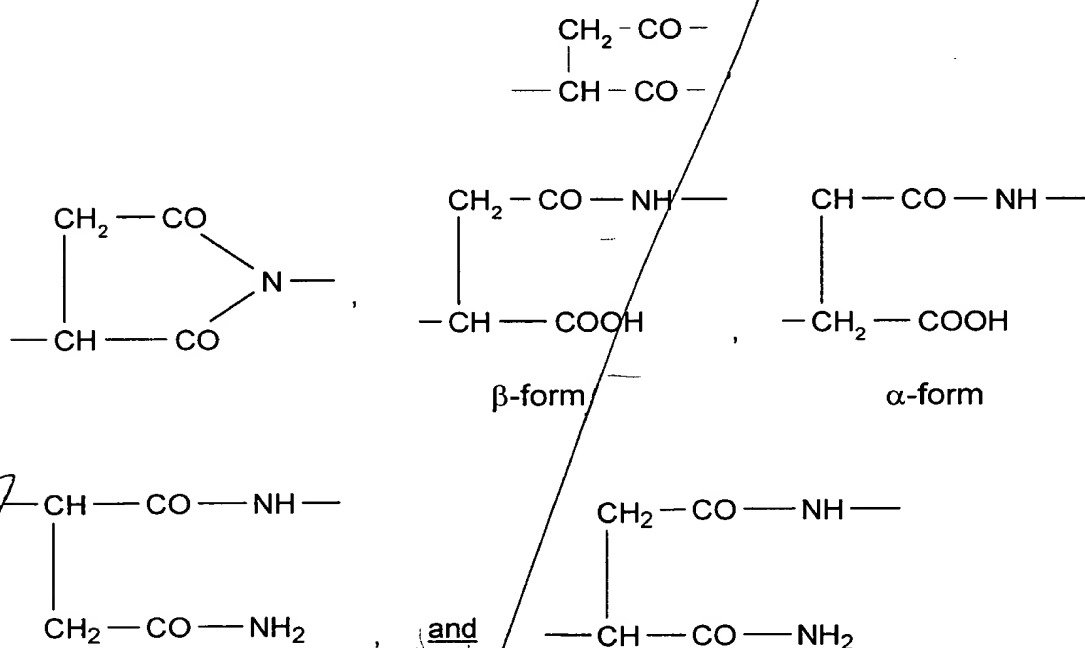
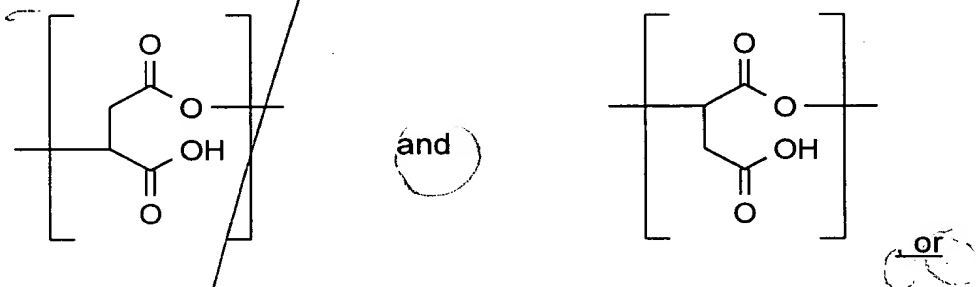


3. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein  
 [Composition for water treatment according to Claims 1 and 2, characterized in that]  
 the biodegradable organic polymers have repeating succinyl units of the structures  
selected from the group consisting of

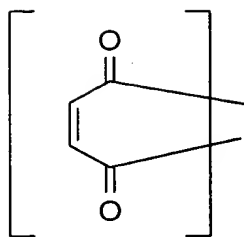


4. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein  
 [Composition for water treatment according to Claims 1 to 3, characterized in that]  
 the biodegradable organic polymers contain repeating units of the formulae

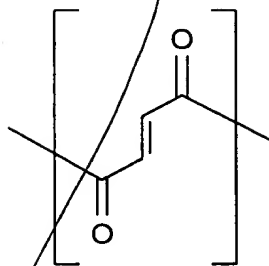
a) maleic acid units of the formula



b) maleic acid and fumaric acid units of the formula



and



5. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein  
 [Composition for water treatment according to Claims 1 to 4, characterized in that]  
 the biocidal oxidizing agent is hydrogen peroxide, chlorine, bromine, chlorine  
 dioxide, hypochlorite, hypobromite, or ozone [or their reaction products] or a reaction  
 product of (i) a component selected from the group consisting of hydrogen peroxide,  
 chlorine, bromine, chlorine dioxide, hypochlorite, hypobromite, and ozone [with] and  
 (ii) water.

Please cancel Claims 6-7:

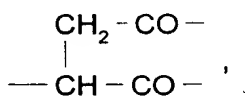
Please add new Claims 8-13:

--8. A process for treating water comprising introducing to a water  
 component a composition containing (a) biodegradable organic polymers having  
 repeating succinyl units, (b) a biocidal oxidizing agent, and (c) an unsubstituted or  
 substituted amidosulphonic acid.

9. The process according to Claim 8, wherein the water is water of a  
 cooling circuit.

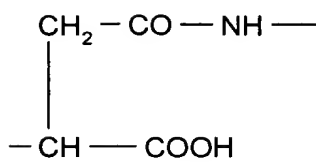
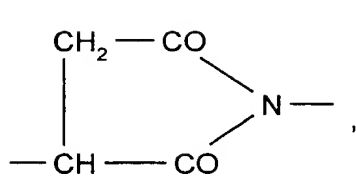
10. The process according to Claim 8, wherein the amidosulphonic acid  
 comprises  $\text{H}_2\text{NSO}_3\text{H}$ .

11. The process according to Claim 8, wherein the biodegradable organic  
 polymers have repeating succinyl units of the structures selected from the group  
 consisting of:

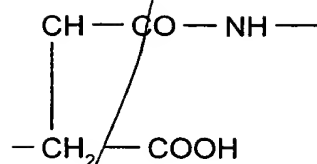


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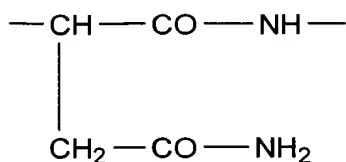
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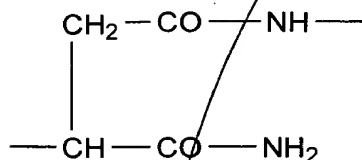
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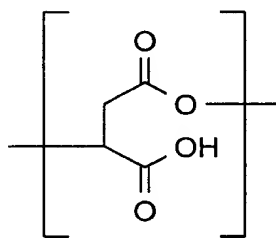


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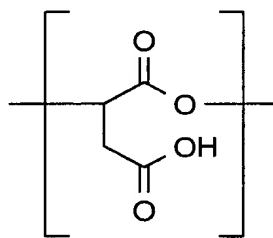


12. The process according to Claim 8, wherein the biodegradable organic polymers contain repeating units selected from the group consisting of units having the formulae

(a) maleic acid units of the formula

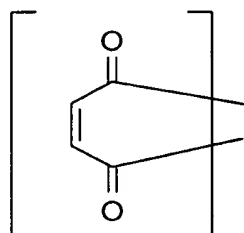


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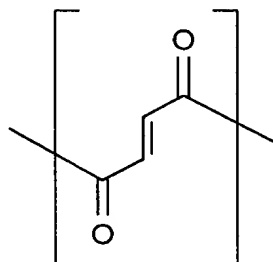


, or

(b) maleic acid and fumaric acid units of the formula



and



13. The process according to Claim 8, wherein the biocidal oxidizing agent is hydrogen peroxide, chlorine, bromine, chlorine dioxide, hypochlorite,